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What is claimed is:

A functional syrup based on methyl methacrylate,

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the binders are a partial polymer composed of the following components:

- 10 A) proportions of from 90-99.9% by weight (based on the entire polymer P) of methyl methacrylate
 - B) from 0.1 to 10% by weight (based on the entire polymer P) of one or more monomers of the formula I capable of free-radical polymerization

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 $R_2 - C - C = CH_2$

- where R_1 is hydrogen or methyl and R_2 is a moiety having a functional group and selected from one of the following types a) to g)
 - a) the OH group

b) an NR_3 group, where R_3 and R_4 , independently R_4

of one another, are hydrogen or an unbranched or, if appropriate, branched alkyl moiety having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or where R_3 together with R_4 , with involvement of the nitrogen and, if

appropriate, together with further nitrogen or oxygen atoms, form a five- or six-membered heterocyclic system

or, if appropriate, branched, if appropriate cyclic alkylene group having from 2 to a total of 10 carbon atoms, Y is oxygen or an -NR₅- moiety, and R'₃ and R'₄ are defined as for R₃ and R₄, and R₅ is hydrogen or an alkyl moiety having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or

d) an HO-X'-Y' group, where X' and Y' are defined as for X and Y

e) an

$$R_6 - N$$
 $(X'')_n - Y''$ group,

where X'' and Y'' are defined as for X and Y, n is zero or one, and R_6 is hydrogen or an alkyl moiety having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms

f) an $(R_7O)_3$ -Si-X'"-Y'" group, where R_7 is an alkyl moiety having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and X'" and Y'" are defined as for X and Y

g) an

and in that the monomers are polymerized to an extent of 20%.

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2. The functional syrup as claimed in claim 1,

characterized in that

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the viscosity of the syrup is from 10-80 (6 mm Ford cup).

3. A colorant concentrate for the coloring of plastics comprising a colorant dispersed in a polymeric syrup,

characterized in that

- the polymeric binder is a partial polymer composed of the following components:
 - A) proportions of from 90-99.9% by weight (based on the entire polymer P) of methyl methacrylate

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B) from 0.1 to 10% by weight (based on the entire polymer P) of one or more monomers of the formula I capable of free-radical polymerization

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 $R_2 - C - C = CH_2$

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where R_1 is hydrogen or methyl and R_2 is a moiety having a functional group and selected from one of the following types a) to g)

a) the OH group

b) an NR_3 group, where R_3 and R_4 , independently $\begin{matrix} I \\ R_4 \end{matrix}$

of one another, are hydrogen or an unbranched or, if appropriate, branched alkyl moiety having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or where R_3 together with R_4 , with involvement of the nitrogen and, if appropriate, together with further nitrogen or oxygen atoms, form a five- or sixmembered heterocyclic system

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c) an $R'_3R'_4N-X-Y$ - group, where X is a linear or, if appropriate, branched, if appropriate cyclic alkylene group having from 2 to a total of 10 carbon atoms, Y is oxygen or an -NR₅- moiety, and R'_3 and R'_4 are defined as for R_3 and R_4 , and R_5 is hydrogen or an alkyl moiety having from 1-6 carbon atoms, or

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- d) an HO-X'-Y' group, where X' and Y' are defined as for X and Y
- e) an

$$R_6 - N$$
 $-group,$

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where X" and Y" are defined as for X and Y, n is zero or one, and R_6 is hydrogen or an alkyl moiety having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms

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f) an $(R_7O)_3$ -Si-X'"-Y'" group, where R_7 is an alkyl moiety having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and X'" and Y'" are defined as for X and Y

and in that the polymer is polymerized to 20% conversion.

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4. A plastics molding, produced using the functional syrup as claimed in claim 1.